INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

Sheet

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002, OMB 0651-0031°

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Complete if Known				
Application Number	Unassigned			
Filing Date	January 29, 2002			
First Named Inventor	Uwe HEITMANN			
Group Art Unit	Unassigned 3721			
Examiner Name	Unassigned TAWFIK			

31976-177425



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials *			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
91	Al	3,603,058	SCHUBERT	09/07/71	, and the second
51	A2	6,079,545	DOMBEK	06/27/00	
ST	A3	5,209,249	NERI	05/11/93	
ST	A4	5,135,008	OESTERLING et al.	08/04/92	
					-
			I		

Attorney Docket Number

	***	T			N PATENT DOCU		Pages, Columns, Lines,	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Office ³		ent d Code⁵ known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ₆
51	A5	GB	1 243 977			08/25/71		
ST	A6	DE .	17 82 364			10/28/71		
51	A7	DE	197 08 836			09/10/98		
51	A8	DE	39 25 073			02/01/90		
5T	A9_	EP	1 048 229			11/02/00		
		 	-					

Examiner Signature	Sa	Date Considered	4/8/03

SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. 2 See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.